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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

THE SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

JALDHI OVERSEAS PTE LTD.,

Defendant.

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, THE SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. ("Plaintiff") by its attorneys Blank Rome LLP, complaining of the above-named Defendant JALDHI OVERSEAS PTE LTD. ("Defendant"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

- 1. This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as hereinafter more fully appears, and is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction. This action is also brought pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 8 in respect of a London arbitration.
- 2. At all material times, Plaintiff was and now is a foreign company organized and existing under the laws of India and the owner of the "M/V Rishikeshi" (the "Vessel").

3. At all material times, Defendant was and now is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Singapore.

THE BASIC FACTS

- 4. Plaintiff, pursuant to a charter party dated March 12, 2008 (the "Charter") chartered the Vessel to Defendant.
- 5. Defendant failed to any pay hire as required by the Charter and amounts owing for bunkers (fuel oil).
- 6. Plaintiff has issued a hire statement dated May 2, 2008 showing the amounts due and owing in the sum of \$3,608,445, attached as Exhibit 1 to the accompanying Rule B affidavit.
- 7. The Charter is subject to English law and London arbitration. This action is filed without prejudice to such right of arbitration.

COUNT I

RULE B RELIEF

- 8. Plaintiff repeats paragraphs 1 through 7 as if fully set forth herein.
- 9. Plaintiff seeks issuance of process of maritime attachment so that it may obtain security for its claim including its English attorneys' fees and arbitrators' fees.

| A. | On the principal claim | \$3,608,445 |
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| В. | Interest on Claim at 7% over 3 years: | \$ 757,773 |
| C. | Estimated lawyers and arbitrators' fees and costs | <u>\$ 450,000</u> |
| | TOTAL: | \$4,816,218 |

Defendant cannot be found within this district within the meaning of RuleB of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure ("Rule B"), but is believed to have, or will have during the

pendency of this action, assets in this jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against Defendant, citing it to appear

and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;

B. That since Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule

B, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime

Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B attaching all of Defendant tangible or

intangible property or any other funds held by any garnishee, which are due and owing to

Defendant up to the amount of \$4,816,218 to secure the Plaintiff's claims, and that all

persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and, pursuant to Rule B,

answer the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;

C. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of a

judgment or award associated with the pending claims including appeals thereof.

D. That Plaintiff may have such other, further and different relief as may be

just and proper.

Dated: New York, NY

May 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted, BLANK ROME LLP

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK) : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

Jeremy J.O. Harwood, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a member of the bar of this Honorable Court and of the firm of Blank
 Rome LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I believe the contents thereof are true.
- 3. The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by Plaintiff is that Plaintiff is a foreign corporation, no officer or director of which is within this jurisdiction.
- 4. The sources of my information and belief are documents provided to me and statements made to me by representatives of Plaintiff.

Jeremy J.O. Harwood

Sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 2008

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AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SUPPLEMENTAL RULE B

STATE OF NEW YORK) : ss: COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

Jeremy J. O. Harwood, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Honorable Court and a member of the firm of Blank Rome LLP, attorneys for the Plaintiff herein. I am familiar with the circumstances of the Verified Complaint and submit this affidavit in support of Plaintiff's request for the issuance of Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment of the property of defendant JALDHI OVERSEAS PTE LTD. ("Defendant"), a foreign corporation, pursuant to Supplemental Rule B For Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 2. Defendant is a party to the maritime contract of charter party on which this claim is based, and is a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under the laws of Singapore or another foreign jurisdiction.
- 3. Under my supervision, my office conducted a search of the New York State Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, the 2008 Transportation Tickler, telephone assistance, and a general internet search.
- 4. In our search, we did not find any listing or reference to Defendant in this judicial district or the state of New York. In the circumstances, I believe Defendant cannot be found within this district.
 - 5. I attach as Exhibit 1 hereto a true copy of Plaintiff's hire statement.

Jeremy J. O. Harwood (JH 9012)

Sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 2008 //

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EXHIBIT 1

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बल्क कॅरियर ऐंड टेंकर प्रभाग, 250, सदाम काल अहिरे मार्ग, बरली, मुंबई - 400 025.

The Shipping Corporation Of India Ltd.

(A Government of India Undertaking) BULK CARRIER & TANKER DIVISION Phone: 2493 7484 / 2493 7473

250, Sudam Kalu Ahire Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025. Telex No.: 011 - 76458 / 76459 / 76492 / 71547

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TO M/S JALDHI OVERSEAS PTE, LTD. SINGAPORE

THORUGH: M/S GLOBUS MARINE FAX # 0124 - 4159201

FLWG. FOR CHRTRS. M/S JALDHI

ENCLOSED PLIFIND OWNERS PFHS INDICATING AMOUNT US\$ 3608445.00 DUE FM CHRTRS. CHRTRS, REQUESTED TO CONFIRM SAME AND ARRANGE REMIT BALANCE (.) PL ADVISE REMITTANCE DETAILS, ENABLE US TRACE FUNOS (.)

M.V. RISHIKESH/ JALDHI C.P. DT. 12.03.2008 DEBIT NOTE FOR 3RD HIRE

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DATE:

02-May-08

AMT.IN USD PARTICULARS CREDIT SNO. DEBIT 1 **GROSS HIRE** FROM: 29-Mar-08 01:30 Ž TO 13-May-08 01:30 Z I.E. DAYS 45.000000 @ USD 80080.001 3600000.00 3,75% AO. COMMISSION 135000.00 2 3 ESTIMATED CONSUMABLE BUNKERS UPTO S'PORE IFO(MT) 185.500 * USS = 490.000 90895.00 MDO(MT) * US\$ = 920.000 50600.00 55.000 C/V/E @ USD 1300/- PMPR 1950.00 AMOUNT RECEIVED USD 0.00 5 BALANCE DUE TO OWNERS 3608445.00 Ĝ TOTAL 3743445.00 3743445.00

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कृते भारतीय नीवडन निगम लिमिटेट For THE SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTI स्वापा कामत/RIDHIMA KAMAT

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पंजीकृत कार्यालय: शिपिंग हाफुस, 245, मंडम कामा रोड, मुम्बई - 400 021.

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